

## Arab tales of Israel-U.S. gap denied

Chief Diplomatic Correspondent

gap between Israel and the U.S. has not widened as a result of talks to Washington by Arab leaders. Acting Premier Shimon Peres said this point to the Cabinet today during a brief policy discussion in which ministers sought to see President Carter's more recent tone in recent days on Middle East prospects.

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## Knesset debates Comptroller's report today

The Knesset will today debate the Comptroller's report at the demand of the Likud opposition bloc, with special reference to his findings on the Israel Defense Forces. Likud leader Menachem Begin will present an urgent motion for the agenda on the report in his first parliamentary appearance since being hospitalized. Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz will reply. Defence Minister Shimon Peres may also ask the floor to "fill in" after Rabinowitz's reply.

## Police seize ILM in foreign currency

Jerusalem police on Friday arrested a Hebrew man who was carrying more than ILM worth of foreign currency in his car. He was apprehended during a routine security search at a check point on Hebron Road in the capital.

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Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur shakes hands with Labour Minister Moshe Barak after yesterday's Cabinet meeting, at which the State Comptroller's report on the armed forces was discussed. (Story page 2.) (Rahmaniyah)

## Eban says he'll produce records of his accounts

Jerusalem Post Staff

Abba Eban MK has undertaken to furnish the Treasury with the documentary records of his bank accounts abroad during recent years — including copies of contracts with his publishers. Sources close to Eban and Treasury sources said yesterday the former foreign minister had promised to supply this material as soon as possible. It is understood, though, that it will take a week or longer until all the material is in.

Only then will the Treasury form a final opinion on whether Eban committed an offence against the foreign currency regulations. The Treasury will then submit the entire Eban file, together with its opinion, to Attorney-General Aharon Barak for his ruling. Barak will decide whether Eban is innocent or whether there is evidence to justify prosecution or an administrative fine.

Eban insists that he received a permit 10 years ago to hold currency abroad, for use in connection with his literary activities — and there is strong independent evidence that he did indeed receive one, though neither he nor the Treasury can unearth a copy of it today.

## Eight-hour delay possible as El Al resumes flights

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HEB-GURION AIRPORT. — Delays from one to eight hours in actual departure time are expected as El Al resumes regular flights this morning, the El Al spokesman said last night.

Flights were cancelled over the weekend after the line maintenance crews "absented themselves" from work on Friday afternoon following a breakdown in negotiations with management.

Eleven outgoing flights, carrying a total of 1,700 passengers, are scheduled to leave today. Another 11 incoming flights, carrying a similar number of passengers, are expected to arrive. The Johannesburg flight, which should have departed over the weekend, should leave this morning.

According to the spokesman, efforts are being made to inform all passengers scheduled to leave today of the actual departure time. Passengers are asked to check with El Al before going to the airport. This includes passengers on tomorrow's flights.

The resumption of flights is made possible by the decision of the works committee of the line maintenance crews to return to work at midnight last night. The committee made this decision after the Histadrut promised to look "energetically" into the dispute.

Most of the 3,500 outgoing passengers stranded in Israel over the weekend and yesterday have already been shifted to foreign airlines or flown abroad in planes chartered by El Al. The same holds true for most of the 3,000 incoming passengers who were stranded abroad.

Nevertheless, there were loud complaints from passengers of not being informed about the strike until they arrived at the airport. Others said that even if El Al found alternative flights for them, they had missed their connecting flights in Europe, often to the U.S., causing severe difficulties in making flight arrangements. At one point, the strike passengers were ready to storm El Al headquarters.

El Al announced that it had lost between \$600,000 to \$700,000 each day of the two-day strike, and most important, "our reputation has again been damaged," the spokesman said.

measure of self-respect cannot just wash its hands of, or be indifferent to, such phenomena of character assassination," he said at a meeting of the Alignment's Knesset candidates. "If the threat for innocent blood is not quelled, who knows what the end of our society will be?"

Eban hit out at unidentified Treasury officials who had been quoted by newsmen as saying he might be prosecuted.

His books, he maintained, had earned Israel considerable amounts of foreign currency. But some money had had to be kept abroad in case he could not write some of the commissioned books and had to return the advances to his publisher.

But Likud leader Simcha Ehrlich blasted Eban at a dinner at the Bar Association a few hours later. Ehrlich said the Treasury had never permitted holding savings accounts abroad (as Eban apparently did).

Ehrlich said that people who wanted to be ministers should be doubly careful to obey the law. He criticized Eban for "not even thinking" of quitting his party's Knesset list.

Another Likud Liberal, Gideon Pat, said last night accused the Alignment of deliberately slowing the Eban case out of political considerations. In a cable to Justice Minister Haim Zadok, Pat said that Finance Minister Rabinowitz, his officials and Eban himself were deliberately holding up the flow of evidence on the case to Attorney-General Barak with a view to keeping him inactive until after the May 17 elections.

The strikers are to have their pay docked for not working, according to a decision taken by the El Al board in consultation with Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi.

Ya'acobi last night warned that any further organized interruption of work will lead to a shutdown of the company until appropriate conditions for regular functioning are restored.

The minister thereby confirmed the decision of El-Al's directors to (Continued on page 2, col. 4)

Uranium for 30 bombs said 'diverted' to Dimona

WASHINGTON. — A report that Israel obtained 220 tons of uranium that disappeared from a freighter on the high seas is to be investigated by the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee. The incident, which allegedly occurred nine years ago, was reported on Friday by two prominent newspapers and related independently by a U.S. official to a conference in Austria.

According to the reports, the uranium is probably being used to fuel the nuclear power plant near Dimona that produces enough plutonium each year to build a bomb of the size dropped on Nagasaki. The 220 tons could run the Dimona plant for 20 years and produce 30 nuclear weapons, the reports said.

U.S. officials have refused to discuss the reports. The "Los Angeles Times" and the "New York Times" published reports about the 1968 uranium incident on Friday.

And in Salzburg, Austria, a former Senate aide quoted authoritative sources as the basis for his version of the story, which he related to a meeting of nuclear energy critics.

Paul Leventhal, former counsel to the Senate Government Operations (now governmental affairs) Committee, which handles legislation dealing with the spread of nuclear weapons, said the German-registry ship and its cargo disappeared in the Mediterranean while en route from Belgium to Italy.

## New M.E. war 'not imminent' despite strong Assad threat

By MICHAEL MORTON  
Special to The Jerusalem Post

DAMASCUS. — President Hafez Assad's threat to launch a fifth Arab-Israeli war reflects his growing irritation over the slow pace of progress towards a Middle East settlement. But the Syrian leader's patience is far from exhausted and he is unlikely to take the military option for at least two years.

This is the consensus of views held by Syrian officials and Westerners here following a busy diplomatic period during which Assad conferred with Kremlin leaders in Moscow and received British Foreign Secretary David Owen, the sixth European foreign minister to visit Syria this year.

Assad made headlines in the world press when he proclaimed: "If a Geneva conference is not held and a just settlement is not reached, and if Arab territory and the national rights of the Palestinian people are not restored, then Syria, Jordan, Egypt and all the Arab countries will seek without hesitating to achieve this by force."

The Syrian president added: "Why should the Arabs be more enthusiastic about Geneva than Israel? Why should the Arabs be more enthusiastic about peace in the Middle East than Israel?"

Assad's bellicose language contrasted with the image of the cool-headed statesman he has been striving to create since the Yom Kippur War. But it would be a mistake to read too much into this latest violent utterance.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, King Hussein of Jordan and Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon have all expressed their conflicting appreciations of prospects for peace during the past week or two. So it was logically Assad's turn to see that Syria gets an international hearing.

Syria is certain to reaffirm its intention to keep the peace by renewing the mandate of the UN Demarcation Observer Force (Undof) which comes up for renewal next month. However, strong Assad's public language may be, he is in no mood for brinkmanship.

A senior Syrian official told me: "Renewal of the Undof mandate is purely a routine matter. We won't argue about it. It is up to the UN to send us a request. We expect to receive this from Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim a few days before the expiry date."

But the official warned it would be unwise to regard the presence of UN forces as a vaccination against a new Middle East war. He said: "The 1967 war broke out regardless of the fact that UN troops were stationed in the area."

He added: "Syria is not setting a deadline. But there now exists a golden opportunity for peace and it won't last forever. Our patience will run out eventually if the Israelis do not respond. King Hussein of Jordan was right on target recently when he said the Middle East is heading for catastrophe."

The Syrians have no illusions that Israel's general election in May could produce a change of heart among their enemies. An aide close to Assad told me: "Meir, Rabin, Peres, it's the same rag-bag. Whenever the government changes, policy stays the same. Rabin had a

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## Sadat says Peking is supplying plane parts

Post-Mideast Affairs Editor

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat last night revealed that spare parts and engines for his Soviet-made air force have been flowing in from Peking for some time now. He indicated that much of the Chinese aid was provided free of charge. He did not make clear whether he was also receiving Chinese-manufactured weapons.

In a May Day speech in Alexandria, Sadat reiterated the claim that the Soviets were still withholding arms supplies and he went on to imply that he and the Kremlin leaders had now reached the most crucial phase in their relationship.

He said that he would soon "draw the appropriate conclusions" from his relations with Moscow unless the Kremlin withdrew a recent memorandum charging Egypt with expansionist ambitions in neighbouring Libya, which has become a close Soviet ally.

Launching a scathing attack on the Soviets, Sadat recalled that the Kremlin itself was currently seeking to expand into Africa beyond its penetration of Libya, Angola and Ethiopia, as well as its support of the

Angolan invasion of Zaire.

Sadat said that only yesterday morning he had decided to dispatch Egyptian pilots to Zaire to operate that country's entire air force and help it crush the Communist-backed invasion of the southern province of Shaba.

The Egyptian leader said that, for the past two months, the Soviet Union had been mounting a hostile campaign against his regime — inside and outside Egypt. He did not elaborate, but said that the Soviets were still fighting "the war of May 19, 1971" — when Sadat ousted all his Moscow-oriented aides, including the then Vice-President Ali Sabry. Sadat went on to blast the Soviet "state-controlled" media for referring to last January's anti-tax riots as a "popular uprising." He asked: "Is a burning buses, sabotaging railways, and looting markets to be considered a popular uprising?" He charged that the Soviets were plagued with a "blind grudge" against him.

Sadat went out of his way to assure the Soviets that he fully intends to remain in power, claiming that his regime was never more solid.

The Egyptian leader boasted that his country's ailing economy would as early as next Monday receive an injection of \$1.5b. from Arab oil-rich

states. "There will be a further \$500m. to come plus \$300m. which a number of banks in various countries approved in loans only three days ago," Sadat added that the Soviets would do well to take note of this.

Sadat told his audience that their country should be better off economically by 1980, noting that the Suez Canal revenues, now \$500m. a year, should be double that by then, bolstering the country's future oil income and "open door economy."

He made scant mention of the Israel-Arab conflict, stressing even there that the Soviets have sought to cast suspicion over his recent Middle East mission to West Germany, France and the U.S. The two Western European countries, he said, "were clear as to the concept of Israel's total withdrawal and a comprehensive settlement" in the region.

The U.S., however, took no clear-cut position, he said. He noted that President Jimmy Carter was awaiting to complete his consultations with all the leaders of the region "including Israel's new Prime Minister (Shimon) Peres," before determining the American stance. "We have agreed that communications with the U.S. would remain open in any event," Sadat said.

## Oxford dictionary shows bias

By MARK REGAL, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The Oxford University Press has admitted to bowing to Arab pressure by removing all reference to Israel in the "Jerusalem" entry in its forthcoming edition of the concise Oxford dictionary. It also amended the "Palestine" entry to include references to the PLO and "guerrillas."

An O.U.P. spokeswoman confirmed the changes had been introduced in order "to avoid any political connotations."

The present entry defines Jerusalem as "In Israel, the Holy City of Christians, Jews and Moslems."

The new entry will be "Jerusalem — west of the River Jordan." The spokeswoman said, "after all, its future is in doubt isn't it?" She did not agree that by introducing this change the O.U.P. was taking sides and committed a political act.

Another change in the forthcoming edition of the dictionary will be to omit the current definition of Palestinian — "person seeking to displace Israelis from Palestine."

The spokeswoman confirmed that the changes followed representations made by the Arab lobbyist "Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding."

Junblatt, the leftist leader who was assassinated recently.

Addressing the frenzied crowds, Arafat vowed that "the Palestinian revolution will carry on, and on, and on." He said "the Palestinian-Lebanese marriage will live forever, and be consolidated by the blood of Junblatt and his comrades."

30 killed in Turkish May Day shootout

ISTANBUL. — Shots from a government building's roof touched off a wild gun battle yesterday among leftists at a May Day rally here, leaving at least 30 persons dead and several buildings ablaze.

The Turkish news agency reported that the Istanbul violence began when machinegun and pistol fire was sprayed into a crowd estimated at 100,000 who had gathered at Taksim Square for a rally organized by Disk, the Confederation of Revolutionary Trades Unions.



Blue-shirted youth from kibbutzim and pioneering youth movements demonstrate in Tel Aviv on Saturday with placards that proclaim "Enough whining in this country." (May Day story, page 2.) (IPPA)

## Co-production plan may leave out Israel

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Carter Administration is reportedly considering a proposal that would limit the foreign co-production of U.S. weapons systems to America's NATO allies, plus Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

An aide to congressional sources, this was disclosed by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to a closed-door session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week.

Vance met with the committee to outline the Administration's thinking on a new arms-sales policy. President Carter is expected to make that policy known later this month, and the Vance hearing was supposed to be part of the Administration's consultative process with Congress.

One senator present during the two-hour session was said to have asked Vance to include Israel among those countries allowed to win co-production agreements with the U.S. But Vance's reply was non-committal.

Israel has been anxiously awaiting the Administration's reply on its request to co-produce the F-16 fighter in Israel. It is, however, believed unlikely that the Administration will offer Israel a positive reply, although it will meet the Ford Administration's pledge to sell Israel 250 of the advanced aircraft.

(The Jerusalem Post reported last week that Israel would be offered a maximum of five-per-cent co-production on the F-16.)

Congressional sources said that another proposal contained in the Administration's revised arms policy, which will be included in the so-called policy review memorandum, is to place an overall ceiling on U.S. foreign arms sales. Vance told the committee that this was under consideration, but he declined to say whether the President will definitely include such a ceiling.

Many Congressmen have opposed a unilateral U.S. arms reduction, convinced that the Soviets would take advantage of America's reduced sales to fill the vacuum. In addition, those countries which, like Israel, rely solely on U.S. weapons would suffer because their adversaries have alternative sources including France and the Soviet Union.

Administration officials maintain that despite the new arms-sales policy, the U.S. will continue to meet its commitment to Israel's security by providing it with the arms needed to maintain the Arab-Israeli arms balance.

## Man sought for bus stop shoot-up

TEL AVIV. — A young man and his 18-year-old companion yesterday shot and wounded five high school pupils waiting at a bus stop at Ezer Yehuda, north of here, police said.

Two girls, aged 14 and 16, are in hospital. The other children were sent home after first aid.

Police said they had a 16-year-old boy in custody and were looking for his companion, whom they described as an army deserter. They said they did not know the reason for the attack.

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**SOCIAL & PERSONAL**

The French Minister of Culture and the Environment, Michel d'Ornano, yesterday called on Acting Premier Shimon Peres in Jerusalem. He also visited the Hebrew University's Maison de France and was guest of honor at a luncheon given by Professor Joshua Frawley.

To mark the birthday of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, Maurice Gerzon, of Haifa, co-founder of Frutaron Electrochemicals, was appointed Knight of the Order of Orange. The honour was presented by the Netherlands Ambassador, Christian Arrens.

Professor Moshe Davis, head of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University, has been awarded the American Jewish Historical Society's Lee Max Friedman Award.

Werner Braun, photographer, will give a talk, illustrated by slides, on his recent visit to the Soviet Union, at this evening's meeting of Jerusalem Rotary West, King David Hotel, 8 o'clock.

A bazaar in aid of the Haifa branch of Micha, the society for deaf children, will be held at the city auditorium, Mt. Carmel, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. tomorrow.

A fashion show in aid of scholarships for children from deprived areas is being held by the Moriah Lodge of B'not B'rith at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel today at 4.30. Tickets are IL60 each.

**DEPARTURES**

Paisa Herzog, chairman of the health committee of the International Council of Women, for Geneva, to represent the council at a World Health Organization meeting.

**Settlers move in at Mas'ha**

Fifteen members of Gush Emunim yesterday moved into the newly-planned settlement of Mas'ha, some 10 kilometres across the former border with Jordan, on the western rim of the Nablus district. The families of the men who arrived at the strategic hilltop yesterday are expected to follow next week.

The settlement, approved by the Cabinet recently, is the first to be established in the West Bank in more than a year, and the first in Western Samaria. On the site is an abandoned Jordan police post which will provide accommodation for the first settlers. A Nahal group lives in tents nearby.

**U.S. stymied by Hussein's rift with Sadat**

Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — Following the visit here last week by Jordanian King Hussein, President Carter and top U.S. officials are said to be more confused. American sources, in making this known yesterday, said that Hussein and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who was in Washington early last month, do not appear to have reached agreement between themselves regarding the important question of Palestinian representation at Geneva and other critical aspects of the problem.

The Americans maintain that the Arab states must first reach some sort of consensus on the Palestinian question before the U.S. can move to reconvene the Geneva conference.

They therefore seem much less certain about the next course of action — and it is this uncertainty that is said here to have led to Carter's relatively pessimistic remarks last week. Carter said that it would be better not to convene the Geneva conference at all, unless there were good chances for success.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance briefed Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz for some 40 minutes on Friday on the Hussein talks here.

According to informed sources here, Hussein demonstrated considerably more readiness to resume the negotiating responsibility over the West Bank during his private talks with Carter than he did in his public statements last week. The sources said that Hussein is very determined to ensure his country's security by making certain that "friendly" forces will control the West Bank.

Meanwhile, ABC News cancelled Hussein's appearance on the nationally televised "Issues and Answers" yesterday because network news executives felt that he had already said as much as he was going to say.

**Russian bid for bases in Syria said rejected**

Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — The Soviet Union asked Syria to provide it with military facilities, but the request was refused, "The Washington Post" reports.

Quoting a source present at Syrian President Assad's talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow last week, the newspaper said in a dispatch from Damascus that while the Russians did not use the word "bases" in their request, the intent was obvious. "They wanted to establish military bases on our soil," he said.

The source also said that the Soviets had wanted Assad to come to Moscow after he meets with President Carter in Geneva on May 9, feeling that Assad might be easier to deal with if he failed to achieve any gains in the Carter talks. But Assad wanted to go to Moscow first.

The report went on to note that, despite the Syrian refusal, the Assad visit to Moscow was seen by observers in Damascus as "basically successful" in easing the strain between the two countries over Syria's military role in Lebanon.

**TV for Jordan Valley**

Communications Minister Aharon Uzman said the Cabinet yesterday that work would start at once to enable Jordan Valley villages to pick up Israeli TV broadcasts.

Minister without Portfolio Yisrael Galili complained to the Cabinet that at present the settlements there cannot receive Israeli telecasts.



These young families are on their way to occupy two new flats in Kfar Shalem, Tel Aviv, on Saturday. They were part of a group of 50 families from Tel Aviv slums who squatted in the new apartments to demonstrate their housing plight. They spent the night there, threatening not to leave until the authorities had found them proper housing. But yesterday morning they were visited by Samuel Platte Shanon, who persuaded them to leave after promising that he would look into their problems personally. (Platte, who is running for the Knesset, has been generous during his election campaign.) (Israel Sun)

**Five rightists arrested in counter-demonstration Thousands march in May Day rallies**

Jerusalem Post Staff Several thousand persons participated in May Day parades and demonstrations yesterday, as thousands of others took advantage of the work holiday for picnics with their families and colleagues. For a large part of the population, however, international workers' day passed unnoticed: schools and shops were open as usual, as were most government offices.

The central rally was held in Tel Aviv, where some 3,000 Jews and Arabs — mostly supporters of Rakah (New Communists) and the Black Panthers — marched down Rehov Ibn Gabirol carrying signs that had little or nothing to do with workers' solidarity. Among them were, "The occupation is a disaster," "To Geneva," "An end to expropriation of Arab land," and "Free contraband for all."

A counter-demonstration by 15 right-wing youths, mainly supporters of Meir Kahane, crashed into the march at several points with such slogans as "Rakah to jail — death to terrorists" and "Arabs to Arab countries." Five of them were arrested.

After the main rally covered on Kikar Malchei Yisrael, the remainder of the protesters took up positions across the street with their placards. They had been warned by the large police presence that the Rakah demonstration was being held with official permission.

In another large rally, 3,000 Arabs from all over Galilee waved placards and red flags outside the Greek Orthodox church in Nazareth. Some of their banners vowed they would "liberate Galilee, with our blood and our spirits."

But observers said the Nazareth crowd was smaller and the speeches more moderate than last year.

Nazareth has a Rakah city administration. Among yesterday's demonstrators were several carrying signs advertising the Black Panthers (one section of which is running with Rakah for the Ninth Knesset).

In Haifa, about 1,000 members of Mapam — mainly

Arabs — held a quiet rally in the Shavit hall. The theme of the speeches was coexistence among Jews and Arabs in a Zionist state. Meanwhile, in the municipal auditorium, the labour establishment held its own celebrations, attended by the chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, the mayor and the head of the local labour council.

On Saturday several thousand youngsters in blue shirts — representing the kibbutz movements, pioneering youth movements and Histadrut-affiliated movements — danced for an hour in the car park near the new city library. Their placards read "Enough whining in this country," and their speakers urged Israelis to "dispel the gloom that threatens our very existence."

Later, they marched on Histadrut headquarters, where the secretary-general of the labour federation told them the red flag of Israeli workers symbolize freedom. "We do not identify with countries where the red flag waves over tyranny," he said.

(The "stop whining" campaign was the brainchild of painter Avital Geva of Kibbutz Ein Shemer. Several years ago he shocked the art community in Jerusalem by exhibiting a series of cows' tongues.)

In a separate demonstration on Saturday, members and supporters of Shefi marched through North Tel Aviv and ended up at the same car park. Their speakers took issue with the "stop whining" campaign of the demonstrators who had preceded them, noting that it was easy to stop whining in the luxurious homes of the city's elite but difficult in the slums. One speaker said the slogan "Enough whining in this country" had been retrieved from "the rusty warehouses of the Right."

The military government turned down numerous requests to hold May Day rallies in the West Bank. Security forces used tear gas to disperse one illegal demonstration of schoolgirls in Jenin, and another dispersed quietly in Nablus.

**Crowds seek miracles at Rabbi Meir's tomb**

Jerusalem Post Reporter TIBERIAS. — The reputed miracle-working powers of Rabbi Meir Ba'al Haness attracted thousands of visitors from the whole country to the traditional annual celebration here yesterday.

It began with a religious service in Rabbi Meir's memory at the Eitz Haim Synagogue and continued with the traditional procession to his picturesque tomb, south of town, near the hot springs.

A police band took part, youth movements and pupils of the religious schools marched in step, followed by the devout, carrying scrolls of the law, singing and praying. Among the marchers was Shimon leader Ariel Sharon, who was overwhelmed with blessings that appeared sufficient to win him a Knesset majority.

**El Al flights**

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notify all the works committees, and especially the committee of the Histadrut workers, that any suspension of work will be considered the cessation of the company's activities. The minister's decision to support this stand was taken after consultation with the Acting Prime Minister, the Finance Minister, the Attorney-General and the El Al management.

Ya'acobi said that the national airline cannot operate haphazardly, while one or the other group of workers each time paralyzes the company's flights. The company's operations, he said, must be based upon conditions of stability and continuity, and emphasized that the maintenance workers may undermine their own means of existence.

The issue which touched off the strike — called by the workers "absence from work" — was the demand by the crews to increase the number of shifts per day from three to four (an additional shift). They based their demand on the recommendation of a doctor who had read about the research by a West German engineer, in which the engineer claimed that working three shifts a day was injurious to the crew's health, and that the work-day (the shift) should be shortened.

"At the negotiations, management pointed out that the present three shifts a day had existed for 16 years and introducing another shift would mean adding between 100 to 130 extra persons to the 550-men now employed, as well as reducing the work week from five to four days and the hours worked from 39 to 33.

Management proposed the possibility of making the beginning and ending time of each shift more flexible. With regard to the West German article, management proposed that an independent medical committee, chosen jointly by labour and management, should look into the claim that the present shift system was injurious to the workers' health. The workers turned down this proposal.

El Al chartered seven planes over the weekend to carry passengers abroad. This included two jumbos, one from KLM which took passengers to Amsterdam, the other from Condor (a Lufthansa affiliate) which took passengers to Frankfurt.

**Cabinet delays decision on stricter controls**

By ASHER WALLFISH Jerusalem Post Reporter

Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday chided the media for creating "a one-sided picture" of the organizational and other shortcomings in the Israel Defence Forces following the release of the State Comptroller's annual report. (See Peres — p.3)

Peres spoke at yesterday's weekly Cabinet session, at which Minister without Portfolio Gideon Hausner called for a more effective control of the governmental machinery and for a more intensive follow-up check in the wake of the Comptroller's repeated strictures in one report after another.

Hausner said that more effective inspection procedures were required in the IDF, among others. Not that the State Comptroller had criticized the IDF more harshly this time than before, Hausner said, but it was rather that a larger section in the report about the IDF had been made public this time.

At Peres' request, the Cabinet deferred a decision on stricter control procedures, as proposed by Hausner, for another two or three weeks to enable him to confer with the Ministers of Finance and Justice privately.

Hausner recalled that in August 1974, after the previous Comptroller's report, the Cabinet had accepted a number of his proposals for closer scrutiny of the governmental machinery and for more intensive follow-ups of the Comptroller's findings. Not all of these decisions had been implemented, Hausner noted.

Hausner listed findings which had appeared in the reports year after year without the faults being corrected. The Treasury was badly at fault for having presented a budget when its officials knew it was out of date; the Housing Ministry should not have held on to such a large reserve of empty flats, Hausner said. He criticized other spheres relating to delay of allocations to local authorities, computer operations in times of emergency, slowdowns in the implementation of the income tax reform, and failure to progress with energy conservation.

Finance Minister Y. Rabinowitz called for "a proportion." He said a should be maintained between faults, arrested and those standing. The Treasury could easily intensify its inspection, if it was prevented from doing so by civil servants by its power freeze.

Rabinowitz said the final administration's planned control unit, which the Cabinet on last August, was "in principle being organized." Meanwhile, ministries were reporting three months, as decided, general control division, general control division was going to him personally every month, on rectification of errors covered by the State Comptroller. The Chief of Staff, R. A. M. Gur, said the Comptroller had praised the IDF's internal control bodies. These had made inspections this year with maintenance, training, alertness. The inspection carried out by experts in staff including university professors engineers who belonged to reserves.

Gur said that on the average 70 per cent of the inspections, a "good" to "very good," 20 per cent produced a "medium" and only 10 per cent produced a "below medium" rating.

Gur said: "I have no comment against the factual findings State Comptroller. But in some of the planning distorted picture. The over-generalization created an imbalance."

Gur gave the Cabinet a commentary by his General, the report, most of which was new, having been aired in the press the report appeared, without attribution. He stressed close cooperation between the Comptroller's staff, latter's understanding and with regard to the IDF's progress. The two brigades inspected Comptroller were both in reorganization at the time, in a state of "satisfactory readiness and did not lack their main weapon."

**Lands Authority gets new director Nixon felt Jews leaking his secret**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Michael Talmon was yesterday appointed director-general of the Israel Lands Authority. He replaces Meir Zorea who resigned several months ago to run for the Knesset as head of the Authority's urban division.

Before the Cabinet approved the appointment yesterday, as proposed by Agriculture Minister Aharon Uzman, the minister rejected complaints aired in national kibbutz and moshav circles that one of their members would have got the job. (Zorea is a member of Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael.) Uzman said Talmon has close ties with the kibbutz and moshav movements.

Talmon, 55, worked for 10 years in the Jewish Agency Settlement Department's Negev District, and later gathered experience in water development, and then as planning, before joining the Israel Lands Authority in 1969. He prepared several development projects in Asia and Africa.

Likud MK Gideon Patt last night appealed to the State Comptroller to delay Talmon's appointment on the grounds that "his name had been linked to a number of questionable episodes which were a cause for concern."

NEW YORK (JTA). — Hitherto published transcripts of Watergate showed that former President Richard Nixon was worried about the White House staff leaking information to reporters. According to "The New York Times," Nixon confided to his press secretary Ron Ziegler that he was "surrounded by Jews."

The "News" reported that Nixon, talking about the conversations he had with his time counsel, John Dean, Ziegler: "...and I talked about Jews... we're not going to — there's a Jewish secret (on the Supi Court)... I said I've got them around me."

"We got Kissinger and I've (Herbert) Goldhamer, and I said I pointed out our Jewish friends even in our White House staff, to Jews. But Dean says, 'he never be a leak out of me. I just know how to leak.'"

The transcripts also show that on was aware of the danger for from the Watergate burglary three days after that break-through Democratic Party Headquarters more than a year before he resigned from the presidency in August.

**See how they run**  
By Aryeh Rubinstein

THE ALIGNMENT emphasized over the week-end how much its foreign policy differs from the Likud's, while the Likud tried to show that a large measure of agreement exists between the two. And the Democratic Movement for Change said, in effect, that it could live with either one of them.

Likud leader and Jewish Agency Treasurer Aryeh Dukla said on Friday that if the Likud came out on top it would try to form a national unity Government. Only such a Government could grapple with all our internal and external problems and restore the people's confidence.

Even today, a national consensus could be reached, Dukla told the Commercial and Industrial Club in Tel Aviv. The Likud executive had granted the Liberal Party the right to declare that it was prepared to make territorial concessions to Egypt and Syria. As for Judea and Samaria, the decision would be taken by a referendum or new elections. Dukla thought this was a sound basis for a national unity Government.

But then he added: any concession in Judea or Samaria means the establishment of a Palestinian state, and that would constitute a threat to the very existence of Israel and Jordan alike.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon may have had Dukla in mind when he addressed an election meeting in Petah Tikva yesterday. The struggle between the Alignment and the Likud was one over peace principles, and an abyss divided the two camps, he said.

He saw no way of bridging the gulf between of what ("not one centimetre of Judea and Samaria shall be given up") and a readiness to make peace on the basis of secure borders. Despite Israel's historic rights, the Alignment favoured a territorial compromise, and the map it would draw would "not be chained to dogmas."

A DMC communique on the meeting of its national council on Saturday night says its purpose was to decide on "the conditions for forming or participating in a Government." Seven points follow, the last of which reads: "The Government's foreign affairs and security policy shall not be at odds with the principles of the DMC's platform."

The show that this formulation was to show that the DMC does not rule out a coalition with the Likud. There are elements in the DMC that wanted to dispel the impression among large sections of the public that a coalition with the Alignment is the DMC's only option.

The formula adopted may mean that the next move is up to the



Likud: let it say that it can live with the DMC's platform, and all will be well. The press, by the way, was first invited to attend the DMC council meeting and later disinvited. Explaining the about-face, the DMC spokesman told The Post: "There will be a debate among the members. We are, after all, still in the crystallizing stage, and the presence of journalists may be harmful."

MK Aharon Yariv yesterday announced that he was quitting the Labour Party, resigning his Knesset seat, and joining the DMC. He, for one, cannot conceive of a Likud-DMC coalition. If the Likud accepted the DMC's foreign policy plank "it will not be the same Likud and it will not be Mr. Begin."

"I don't care if the DMC is dubbed 'Alignment Bet', so long as it is able to carry out its programme in the Government," said Yariv, a former head of Army Intelligence.

For a time he had believed it possible to change the Alignment from within, but had now come to the conclusion that it could not be trusted to keep its promises. Yariv resigned as Minister of Information in January 1976 as a protest against the lack of systematic discussion and decision-making procedures in the Rabin cabinet. He said yesterday he has no intention of becoming a minister again.

For the next few years, he plans to devote himself to directing the Centre of Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University.

The Supreme Court yesterday, by a majority vote, rejected the appeal of the "Razana" list sponsored by invalid survivors of the Holocaust. Three of the four booklets of signatures submitted to the Central Elections Committee did not contain the names of the candidates. Only the fourth booklet did, and that contained only 418 signatures, whereas 700 are required.

Rabbi Shlomo Lorincz of Agudat Yisrael thought it "a serious distortion of the nation's image" that last Saturday work was conducted at full blast in the country's ports and military while on May Day, "a holiday decidedly foreign to the spirit of our people," work came to a halt.

**Government psychologists plan sanctions**

TEL AVIV. — Psychologists in government employ will resume sanctions on Thursday if the authorities fail to implement terms of the agreement signed last February on re-grading in public service.

Mordechai Gani, secretary of the union of graduates in humanities, said on Friday that the rest of the 20,000 academically-trained government employees in the union may impose sanctions next week after the union's secretariat discusses the matter. According to Gani, the civil

**Peres hits strike by defence researchers**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday advised the research staffers in his ministry to appeal to the institution for agreed arbitration if they want to revise the current labour contract.

Briefing the Cabinet on the strike, called late Thursday night by the research staffers, which he described as "a most serious development," Peres said the employees in question are "not underprivileged. Their salaries are fairly high and total in intent and purposes one of the components constitutes an increment for university education."

**Arbitration board decides first case**

The tribunal for agreed arbitration in the public services submitted its first decision yesterday since it began operations two months ago.

The tribunal, headed by former Supreme Court Justice Zvi Berenson, set in arbitration the claims of Kupat Holim and Hadassah Hospital X-ray technicians. The technicians had submitted a series of demands for wage and grade advancements.

The tribunal agreed to one demand — to create another grade for veteran technicians — but decided that the other demands should be discussed after the present wage agreement lapses in March 1978.

Meanwhile, psychologists employed by the Union of Local Authorities and the three big cities initiated a separate agreement last Thursday. A beginning psychologist will be in grades three to five, while the head of psychological services in the three main cities will be in grade 10, the highest in public service.

According to an agreement reached yesterday between the representatives of the data processing personnel, the Histadrut and the Civil Service Commission, a decision will be taken by May 8 on which of the computer technicians will be promoted one grade, and which will receive an additional new grade.

It was also decided that cases of disagreement will be arbitrated by the Treasury has meanwhile instructed the banks to pay the technicians an advance of IL5,000 against their April salaries.

**10 YEARS UNITED JERUSALEM**  
**Craftsmen's Fair, Jewish Quarter**

One of the events celebrating the 10th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem and the liberation of the Jewish Quarter is a Craftsman's Fair in Kikar Batel Moshav in the Jewish Quarter.

The Fair is open to the public from Sunday, May 1, until Thursday, May 5, every evening, 5-10 p.m. Performances by entertainers and orchestras will be given during the Fair. On show at the Fair: works by Jewish Quarter artists in fine metals, ceramics, painting, sculpture, graphics, photography, batik, weaving and embroidery. Jewellery work for religious articles will also be shown.

Public transport: No. 1 bus from the Central Bus Station. Car parks for those coming by private car: Mt. Zion, Jaffa Gate and at the Dung Gate.

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The Institute extends its profound condolences to Lee Levine and the family.

**What Future for American Jewry?**  
Lecture by Leon A. Jaffe  
Professor of American Jewish History, Brandeis University,  
Wednesday, May 4, 8:30 p.m.  
at the Hilt Institute, 11 Pines St., Jerusalem. Open to the public.

מזכרונות



U.S. pays up  
to UNESCO

PARIS (JTA). — The U.S. delegation to UNESCO announced yesterday that it will pay its outstanding debt of \$42m. due to the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The U.S. decided to stop paying its dues in October 1974 when the UNESCO general conference adopted a number of anti-Israel resolutions, condemned Israel for its archaeological diggings in Jerusalem and its educational system in the administered territories, and barred Israel from all its regional groups.

At its recent Nairobi conference, UNESCO managed to find a compromise solution enabling Israel to attend the European regional meetings of the organization.

Practically all attending delegations, including the Eastern bloc and the non-aligned countries, privately expressed relief at America's decision to become a full paying member. Israeli diplomats were also satisfied, as the U.S. delegation is Israel's main backer at UNESCO meetings and a loss of America's voting rights would have indirectly prejudiced Israeli interests.

Cars cause  
most TA air  
pollution

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA. — Low-lying sources, mainly motor traffic, account for most of the air pollution in the Tel Aviv area, Professor Alexander Donagi of the Health Ministry told a symposium here last week.

According to the Electric Corporation's spokesman, Prof. Donagi quoted monitoring data which show that pollution is worst between 6 and 8 in the morning and again between 5 and 6 in the afternoon — both peak traffic periods.

Motor-cars he noted, spew into the air a large amount of carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide, nitric oxide, sulphur and lead particles, and soot.

On the other hand, the pollutants from the Electric Corporation's Reading power station (which at the time of its last expansion caused anxiety to ecologists) are released at considerable height and their share in ground pollution is small, Prof. Donagi reportedly said.

The head of the Electric Corporation's ecology department told the symposium that 14 air-monitoring stations are in operation in the Tel Aviv area — nine run by the corporation and five by the Health Ministry. (The standard throughout the world is five stations for a city like greater Tel Aviv with a population of one million, he added).

He said there was no demonstrable link between fuel consumption at Tel Aviv's Reading station and increases in pollution in the city. Pollution is lowest on Saturdays, when traffic is sparse while fuel consumption at the power station remains unchanged, he said.

## U.S. military journal says:

Israel has strategic  
Red Sea capability

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — Israel has committed a surprisingly small number of actual forces to maintaining and expanding its presence in the Red Sea, "Defense and Foreign Affairs" reports in its current edition.

The respected military affairs journal says that Israel retains a half-dozen 65 ft. Dabur gun-equipped patrol boats, plus at least two Gabriel sea to sea missile-equipped Reshifs in the northern reaches of the Gulf of Akaba at their base in Eilat.

"More — but not that many more — hold the entrance to the gulf from the captured port of Sharm el-Sheikh," the report said.

But the magazine went on to note that the Israeli naval elements in the Gulf of Akaba reflect only part of the strategic capability which Israel has in the Red Sea area. "Israeli F-4E Phantoms and C-2 Kfirs can range easily, and virtually unchallenged,

down the slender waterway and can provide air cover to strategic shipping coming through the Bab el-Mandeb," it said.

Meanwhile, the magazine also says that Israel Aircraft Industries is developing a new engine-manufacturing subsidiary — "doubtless destined to be a major factor in planning for the 1980s."

It said that this development was significant in light of Washington's veto over the export of Kfirs to Ecuador because of the U.S.-made General Electric J-79 engine used in the Israeli plane. "Alternative powerplants have obviously been eyed for the aircraft," it continued, "although no engineering studies have been made."

"Defense and Foreign Affairs" also reports that the price of the Kfir is around \$5.2m. to \$5.8m. per flyaway copy, "cheap in today's fighter market."



A MODEL of the new Dvora patrol craft developed at the Ramat Systems and Structures plant of Israel Aircraft Industries was unveiled Saturday night. IAI says the 71-foot boat powered by two MTU marine diesel engines is faster, more accurate and has almost twice the firing power of similar-class boats. The Dvora can carry two Gabriel sea-to-sea missiles, two 20mm. cannon or

two .50-inch machineguns. It has an operational range of 700 nautical miles and a top speed of 36 knots. A spokesman said contacts were now being made with potential overseas buyers, although IAI had not yet begun assembly-line production. He also said the Dvora would be displayed at the Paris air salon next month.

Haifa Port hard at work on May Day  
in effort to overcome strike backlog

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — For the first time in memory Haifa Port did not close down for May Day this year. In an effort to overcome the delays in container handling caused by the 23-day marine officers' strike, which ended on Thursday night, the port's container terminal worked two full shifts yesterday. Container handling had been hardest hit by the strike, which paralyzed the terminal for almost the whole period of the shutdown.

Port manager Moshe Haral told 'The Jerusalem Post' that the backlog will be cleared by the end of the week.

In an analysis of the strike, both sides — the shipping companies and the officers' union — stated that it had not solved the main problems, despite the multi-million-dollar damage it had wrought. But Zim general manager Yehuda Rotem said the strike had at least achieved two things: It had pointed out the abyss facing the merchant marine if labor relations cannot be righted; and it had proved that the shipping companies, at least, will no longer give in to extortion tactics by pressure groups.

"The strike showed that there is a limit to the power of even the strongest pressure groups," he said. If employers stand up to them, the officers had achieved nothing, he added. He hoped that the "trauma" of the strike would make it possible to settle matters by negotiation in future.

Union secretaries Adam Chisk and Yehayahu Groman said the strike had been "inevitable" as ship-board relations and relations between the union and the companies had become intolerable. They hoped that the "shock" of the strike would galvanize all concerned into the realization that a new leaf must be turned. Groman noted that the Transport Ministry in particular must correct "its failure to give serious consideration to the merchant marine." If the strike motivated all concerned to "clean up the mess in the fleet," they felt, its high price would prove in the long run to have been worthwhile.

They noted that the pressures leading to the strike had been building

Five charged over missing  
£38m. from London IBB

LONDON (JTA). — Four directors and the auditor of the collapsed Israel-British Bank (London) were charged here on Friday with conspiracy to defraud in connection with £38m. missing from the bank.

They include Harry Landy, IBB's former chairman, and Arthur Malcolm White and Charles Kaye, two of his co-directors — all of whom also face two further charges of uttering forged documents.

All five were released on bail until May 26. Bail for Landy, a former chairman of British Miracchi, was £50,000, plus two sureties of the same amount.

Landy's brother-in-law, Yehoshua Bension, was named in the two forgery charges. Bension is currently serving a 12-year prison sentence in Israel for fraud and embezzlement arising out of the collapse of the bank's Israeli parent company, of which he was managing director.

The other two men charged on Friday are Joseph Bloomberg and Peter Lynn.

The men were arrested by the metropolitan fraud squad on Thursday after a lengthy investigation into

the 1974 collapse of the London bank. Friday's court appearance was only a preliminary hearing and no plea was entered by the accused. It is now for the court to decide whether there is a case to answer, and the deliberations are expected to take several months.

The Israeli parent bank founded in July 1974 and the London branch of IBB a few weeks later. Together they had run up a deficit of more than £80m.

Among the loans by the London bank were more than £31m. pounds sterling to five connected companies. Landy has stressed that he personally had nothing to do with these transfers.

Two of these companies featured in the trial of Bension, who was arrested shortly after the collapse of the Israeli parent bank and subsequently convicted on 10 counts of fraud and embezzlement involving \$47m.

The group of companies of which Israel-British was a part was built up by the late Walter Williams, father-in-law of both Landy and Bension.

## West German officials say:

## No case against Himmler aide

VIENNA (JTA). — The West German authorities have decided to drop legal proceedings against Horst Bender, who was Nazi SS chief Heinrich Himmler's legal advisor.

Bender, a lawyer, now lives in Stuttgart, West Germany.

German justice officials began investigating his activities during the Nazi period in April 1974 after receiving records from Simon Wiesenthal, head of the Jewish Documentation Centre in Vienna. On Friday the German Government informed Wiesenthal the case would not be pursued further because of insufficient evidence. Wiesenthal had submitted evidence that Bender advised Himmler that killing Jews was not a crime, if done for "purely political reasons."

In another event related to Nazi activities, Church officials in Buenos Aires on Friday closed the main Argentine cathedral in the city "for repairs." The closure came amid reports that neo-Nazi groups in Argentina had planned to hold a prayer session in the cathedral on Saturday night to mark the 32nd anniversary of Hitler's death.

Last week, leaflets announcing the

gathering were thrown in wealthy residential areas of Buenos Aires. Some of the flyers also were sent to foreign news agencies.

One of the leaflets was entitled "Integral Aryan Nationalist Fatherland" and showed a cross with a Nazi swastika hanging from it. It also said: "We invite you to pray with us at the Metropolitan Cathedral on April 30, 1977, at the 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. masses for the eternal rest of our brother in Christ and blood 'Adolf Hitler' who in his life was Chancellor of the German nation."

Security sources say there are several neo-Nazi groups in Argentina, including a terrorist unit which last August claimed responsibility for bombing and strafing synagogues and Jewish-owned shops in Buenos Aires and Cordoba, Argentina's second-largest city, 450 miles to the north.

That group is called the Argentine National Socialist Front. It said it wants to eliminate the "Jewish Plutocracy" in Argentina.

Worker delegates  
in Gov't corporations

The Knesset Finance Committee last week approved (subject to review this week) the regulations concerning selection of a workers' delegate as a director in Government corporations, and the types of corporations in which such a delegate shall serve. The regulations are designed to ensure worker participation in those corporations.

The regulations provide for a secret ballot, with all workers over 18 years of age and with one year of tenure eligible to vote, in all non-bank Government corporations employing at least 100 persons. In each such corporation, the relevant minister selects two of the six candidates scoring the highest number of votes to serve as directors. (Jtm)

SKI — The International Ski Federation, at its congress in Argentina on Friday, agreed to admit Israel as its 46th member.

He's not disturbed by  
critical report of IDF

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter  
Tel Aviv. — Defence Minister and Prime Minister Shimon Peres said the State Comptroller's critical report of the army would not trouble him.

Peres told the Alignment's candidates on Friday that he doesn't stress their option to war "because they believe military might is of a very order." He noted that Joseph Hussein had expressed war in the U.S. recently. (A conception was prevalent in the Yom Kippur War, at the State Comptroller, Dr. Yitzhak Sahl, was a member of the at Committee which strongly criticized that conception, as well as aspects of the army's unreadiness.)

Peres rejected the Comptroller's claim of the emergency stores of munition brigades. The Comptroller reported that "due to difficult conditions in the area and type of storage (in the open air), and other combat vehicles damaged. The vehicles' wheels not covered as required."

Peres said the Comptroller's staff drew the Command headquarters' attention to the situation. Defence Minister said the army's size increased by nearly 50 per cent in the past three years. He said the army had been receiving "I'm not sure for a minute that sometimes equipment arrived before the needs." He said "I did not specifically refer to the Comptroller's report of a significant shortage" of equipment. But he said that "I was not sure for a minute that sometimes equipment arrived before the needs."

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Former prime minister Golda Meir views a full-page portrait of herself in a new book on display at the Eighth Jerusalem International Book Fair, at Kinyanei Ha'oma yesterday. (Simpson)

## Roaring trade at Book Fair

By AARON SITINES  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tens of thousands of persons jammed the Jerusalem book fair on Saturday night and yesterday, and fair director Rafael Aldor told 'The Jerusalem Post', "I wouldn't be surprised if we hit the 100,000-visitors mark by the time the fair closes at six on Monday evening." (The last fair — in 1975 — drew 90,000 visitors.) The Eighth Jerusalem International Book Fair, which opened with a sparse crowd last Wednesday, became the Capital's star attraction over the weekend. Approximately 25,000 visitors thronged Kinyanei Ha'oma when the doors opened after the Sabbath, at 7.30 p.m. When the fair opened at 10 a.m. yesterday, 15-metre long queues had formed in front of all the book offices, and the pressure did not ease up all through the day. Barred traffic policemen directed cars away from the site since all parking spaces were occupied.

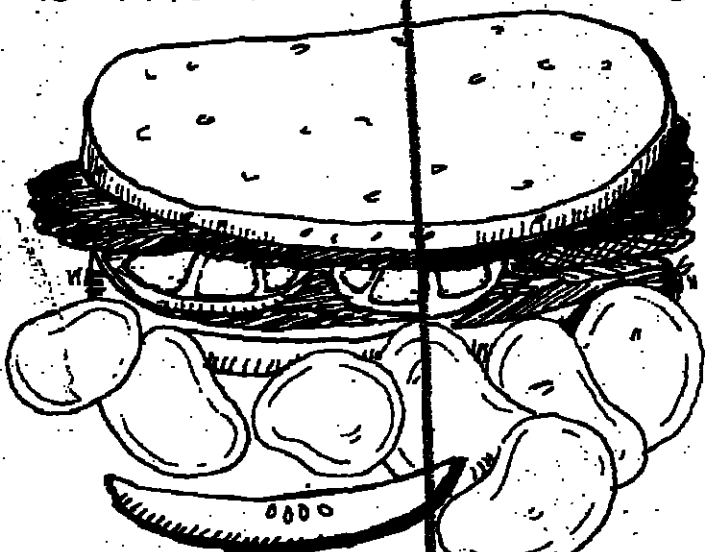
From a trade point of view, too, the fair is emerging as "quite successful," according to Shlomo

Erel, director of the Export Institute's Book and Printing Centre. He said Israel publishers will participate in the Nice and San Francisco book fairs later this month, "and preparations are also being made for joining the first Moscow International Book Fair in September."

Two visitors to the fair yesterday caused some aisle-crowding as their entourage kept other visitors at a safe distance. One of the two was Prof. Ephraim Katzir, the President, and the other was former Prime Minister Golda Meir.

Ushers reported the President spent most of his browsing time at displays of scientific works and Judaica. As for Mrs. Meir, she seemed delighted to see so many different versions of her memoirs, in several languages, at pavilions from various foreign publishers.

In the evening there was more excitement when a minor scuffle broke out between exhibitors at a missionary book display and several visitors who objected to the distribution of missionary literature to Jews.

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Some of your best friends  
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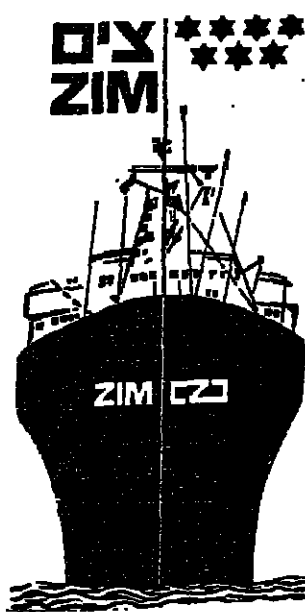
"Don't take him too seriously.  
If it comes to the crunch,  
he won't stick to his guns.  
He'll be ready to compromise  
just like any other politician."

### But we know you, Mr. Begin.

You haven't had a new idea  
in thirty years.

We take you seriously when you say:  
We must hold on to  
the whole of Judea and Samaria.  
We mustn't give up an inch,  
even for the sake of peace.  
We must take in another  
million Arab citizens—  
We believe you really mean it.

But tell us yourself, Mr. Begin,  
Do you really mean what you say?



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Binyanei Ha'oma

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Programme:

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Series 1: Tuesday, 10.5.77

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Series 3: Thursday, 12.5.77

Programme:

Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 26

Bruckner: Symphony No. 5

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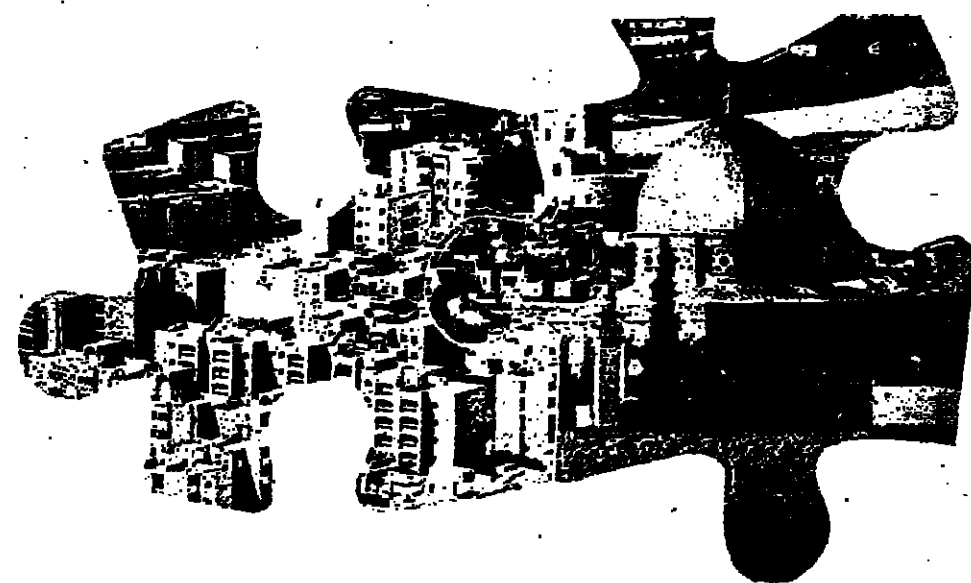
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to mark the 10th anniversary of the unification

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### Gideon Hausner

Minister Gideon Hausner heads the list of candidates of the Independent Liberals for the ninth Knesset. A graduate of the Herzliya Gymnasium and of the Hebrew University Faculty of Law. A Rav-Seren in the War of Independence.

From 1960 to 1963 served as Attorney General and headed the prosecution in the Eichmann trial. Chairman, Board of Governors of Yad Vashem.

First elected to the Knesset in 1965 and served as member of the committee for Foreign Affairs and Defence and of the committee for Law and Justice. Initiated the "Hausner Law" to solve the problem of those forbidden to marry by Halacha and as a Minister headed the committee for reorganization of the structure of the government.



Head of the Independent  
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## MUSIC

## Too busy with the notes

MEMBERS of the Israel Chamber Ensemble — Haydn: String Quartet opus 35, 3 (1804); Schubert: Octet (1828) (Knesset, April 14).

IT IS ALWAYS most commendable when orchestra musicians make an effort to preserve their individuality as artists and get together to play chamber music. One should not, of course, expect perfectly polished ensemble performances. It takes years of continuous and hard rehearsal to form closely-knit small groups, which feel almost instinctively the delicate shades of chamber music phrasing, and dynamics, out of musicians, who are used to being told by a conductor what to do.

On this occasion, the performances were well and conscientiously worked out from the technical point of view. What was missing was the spirit and life. The quartet (Knesset, April 14), Bertha Jung, Gad Levor, and Naomi Enoch were played

by four individuals, not by a unit, though the music carried itself. But in the Schubert Octet (where the four were joined by Gideon Lavinsky, double bass; Eli Hefetz, clarinet; Sara Taur, bassoon, and Giora Raffaeli, horn) much more is needed to do justice to the godly music. One had the feeling that the players were too busy with the notes to attend to the musical content of the score. And it seems so natural to sing Schubert's music. Every phrase is a song and there seem to be no problems of interpretation or any doubts as to how the phrases should be formed. It is rather sad to watch eight young musicians performing earnestly but with closed hearts. Technical perfection is a fine goal, but music-making needs a soul. The whole musician must come out of his shell and sing, sing the beauty of creation, the joy and sorrow of human endeavour, and the love of life and mankind.

Yohanan Boehm.

## Partly remarkable

ALL BEETHOVEN PROGRAMME. Ury Planka, violin and Yehoshua Zak, piano (Tel Aviv, Museum, April 24). Sonata No. 2, Op. 12, No. 4 in A Major; No. 5, Op. 24 in F Major; No. 7, Op. 30 No. 2 in C Minor. HAD THIS CONCERT included only sonatas Op. 24 and 30, it could have been praised as truly remarkable throughout. However, these two sonatas were preceded by Op. 12 which emerged as mediocre and undistinguished. All Planka's usual virtues vanished in this unhappy start. His tone was unpleasant, his technical performance seemed laboured and musically he had very little to say. If there was anything worth listening to, in this first item, it was in Yonathan Zak's piano part. With the opening phrases of Op. 24,

however, it was clear that the violinist had recovered from a temporary lapse. He revealed what we have often missed in many of his pleasant performances, a distinct personal approach. Planka treated the two remaining sonatas with great breadth, exploring the potential of the music in full. His phrasing was powerful and determined and contrasts were not only well plotted but also portrayed convincingly. Beethoven's dramatic dualism. His tone regained its fine quality and when necessary, became vigorous, even impassioned.

Yonathan Zak provided near-faultless, fully felt piano parts. Benjamin Bar-Am.

## Major music MSS. collection found

LONDON (AP). — A priceless collection of music manuscripts whose existence was confirmed by Polish authorities after being missing since World War II is even bigger than originally thought, the "Sunday Times" reported.

The British newspaper first revealed the existence of the collection on April 3. It contains works by Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Bach, Haydn, Schubert, Schumann, Meyerbeer and many others.

The British newspaper said the collection "contains more musical material than was originally thought, as well as important paintings, and that it has all been in the hands of the Polish army since the end of the war" in 1945.

The original autographed manuscripts disappeared in Eastern Europe in 1941 and for years were presumed destroyed. Polish authorities previously have denied all knowledge of their existence.

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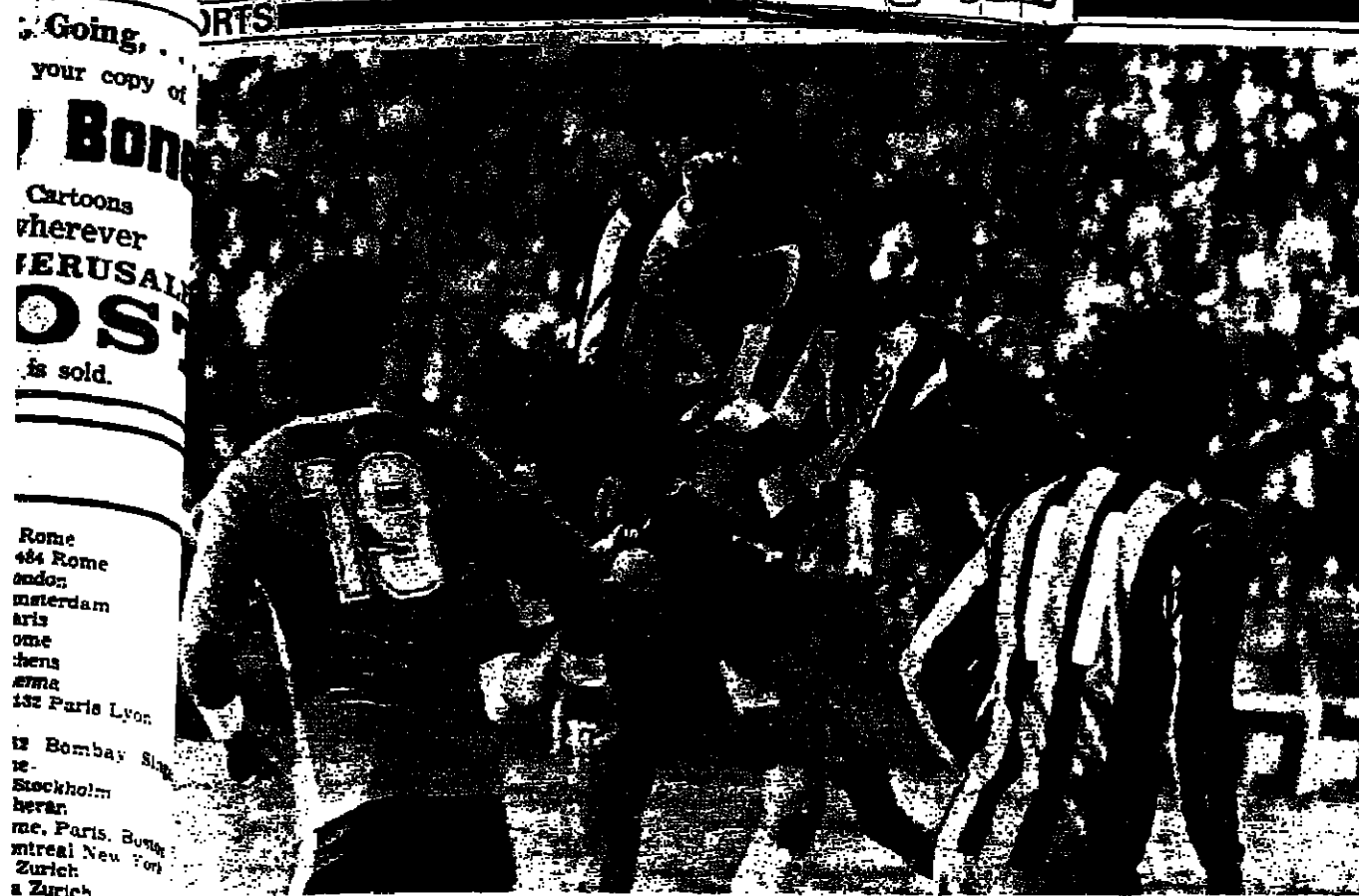
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MORE LIKE 'CATCH' than soccer. Jerusalem Hapoel struggled valiantly at Katamon on Saturday to gain both points against Shimshon and void relegation but earned only one. Here, defender Ali Ghanem seems to get a lift-up on the shoulder of team-mate Aryeh Barzani in order to pin Shimshon's Avraham Tzarfat. The ball is... nobody seems to know, or care for the moment. (Rahamim Tzarfat)

# Hadera Hapoel rejoin 1st Division

By PAUL KOEN  
Jerusalem Post Soccer Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hadera Hapoel, having a goal down in the first half on Saturday, beat Ashdod Hapoel 2:1 to become champions of the Second Division (Liga Artzit) and gain promotion to the premier soccer league next season.

The other Hadera team, Maccabi, finished bottom of the second division with only one win in 22 games, and that on the first day of the season. They will go down to the third division. With them go Netanya Betar, who were beaten 4:3 by Tel Aviv Hapoel on Saturday.

Had Hadera Hapoel not staged their second half recovery, Ruel Fehuda would have pipped them for promotion on goal average after the Jaffa Quarter team finished the season with a blazing away win over Hadera Maccabi.

In the first division not one of the seven teams of last week managed to win. Leaders Tel Aviv Hapoel, altered, to lose 0:1 to Tel Aviv Betar before a packed Bloomfield stadium.

The nearest challengers, Jaffa Maccabi, managed only a 0:0 home draw against Haifa Maccabi, who are very much involved in the relegation struggle. Jaffa Maccabi trail Tel Aviv Maccabi by five points.

Beerabeha Hapoel did themselves an even better turn by beating Acre Hapoel 2:0 with a goal four minutes before the end by Ovedia Zvi, who was served a pass by Shalom Avitan.

The win saw Beerabeha go two points clear of Jerusalem Hapoel, and, with a home fixture against bottom-placed Petah Tikva Maccabi next Saturday, their position begins to look somewhat brighter.

Jerusalem Hapoel, playing their first home game at the Katamon ground for four months, failed to beat Tel Aviv Shimshon, though looking by far the better team and creating many more scoring chances. The game ended 0:0, and Jerusalem Hapoel are one from bottom.

## TEL AVIV STOCKS

### Market tries to emulate last week's record gains

TEL AVIV. — The share market moved sharply higher in the opening round yesterday, but some profit-taking was felt in the variables.

The market is trying to match last week's performance, which saw 184 shares advance while only 49 declined. The last week of April was also notable in that total share turnover figures, of approximately IL390m., established a new trading record for any given week.

Despite Bank Hapoalim's absence from the exchange due to the May 1 holiday, volume was fairly active at close to IL32m.

The Natad investment dollar, since setting an all-time high last week at IL2.07, continued to slip. Yesterday it eased by another 7 agorot to stand at IL1.78 after close to half a million dollars were offered for sale. There is little explanation for the behaviour of the investment currency except that perhaps some people feel it may be overpriced and are taking some profits.

Financials continued to draw more investment interest. Bank Leumi finally reached the 300 mark on a half-point advance. Hapoalim was 1 better at 317 and Discount added half a point to 317.5.

Mortgage bank issues were mixed. Secaucun Tefahot gave up 8 to 383. Otzar LeTz'anya was 7 ahead at 245. Other issues in the group were generally slightly better.

Insurance shares were a good feature. Aryeh was the only loser in the group as the shares backed off by 17 to 682. Sahar was 54 ahead at 890, and Tzur was "buyers only" in the opening round and continued to climb in the variables to 610, for an overall gain of 45 for the session.

Israel Cold Storage IL10 shares reached the 700 mark while the IL1 shares continued to be "buyers only" and were marked up to 2,273.

Israel Electric Corp. continued its advance to 725, after a 20-point move. Lighterage was 30 better at 582.

Delek beaser continued to act well as it gained 30 to an even 700.

Land development and real estate issues were among the market leaders as sharp gains were noticeable throughout the list.

The General Index of Share Prices was up 0.32 per cent to 132.32 points.

## Most active issues

Hapoalim	317+1.0	IL1,051,700
Bank Leumi	300+0.5	IL170,100
I.D.B.	317.5	IL180,400
Shares traded:	158.5+0.3	IL32.2m.
Bonds:		IL1.8m.
Natad:		IL1.78-7ag.
Offer:		4479,000
Turnover:		3126,000

## DOLLAR-LINKED DEBITURES

5% Dead Sea	b	381	381
5% Dead Sea Junior	b	555	555
6% Electric Corp. B.	b	384.5	384.5

## PURCHASE IN DOLLARS

Holla 22	125	125
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## C. of L. LINKED (principal and interest)

Absorp. 1966 (1)	b	722	722
Absorp. 1967 (1)	b	727	727
Bit. 1968 (41)	b	358	358
Bit. 1969 (41)	b	271	271
Bit. 1969 8.5% (98)	b	385.5	385.5
Bit. 1969 8.5% (91)	b	381	381

## OPTIONALS

Dev. 235	b	374	374
Dev. 313	b	339	339
Dev. 4% (3001)	b	-	-

## CONVERTIBLES

10% IDB	r	182	182
7% Leumi (5)	r	188	182.5
15% Mirah (2)	r	188	188
10% Tefahot (39)	r	302	301
10% Delek	r	302	301
10% Disc. Inv. (72)	r	188	180
10% Leumi Inv. (102)	r	216	205

## BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Otsar Hityahvut	r	285	285
LD.B. pref.	r	494	484
LD.B. Bankholding	r	317.5	317
Union "A"	r	438	439
Discount "A"	r	587	580
United Mirah	b	197.5	196.5
Hapoalim	b	317	318
Leumi "A"	r	300	300.5
Gen. Mortgage	b	278	274
Dev. & Mortgage	b	249	251
Housing Mortg.	b	248	247
Tefahot 8% pref.	b	382	404
Tefahot	b	382	381
Ind. & Dev. 8% pref.	r	178.5	178
Aryeh	r	682	690
Hassneh Insurance	b	498	495
Sahar "C"	b	890	938

## REAL ESTATE, LAND DEVELOPMENT AND CITIUS

Asorim	r	185	180
Africa Israel IL10	r	405	405
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## Central Command v. Navy in IDF Cup

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## Gur out of step

THE CHIEF OF STAFF, Mordechai Gur, in his determination to counter the State Comptroller's perturbing findings last week on some aspects of military preparedness, has gone too far. Evidently he has misjudged the public significance of these findings.

No one, least of all the Comptroller, would doubt the great efforts that have been invested in rebuilding and expanding the army in the three years since the Yom Kippur War. Nor would anyone claim that the army is a superhuman agency free of a normal complement of human frailties, like those that plague most of our society and economy.

The Comptroller, in keeping with his task, unearthed a number of random samples of worrisome shortcomings in the army, and especially in emergency ordnance depots of two select fighting brigades. He has quite correctly brought the General Staff's attention to the urgent need of checking whether these failures are not more widespread.

The Chief of Staff, for his part, incorrectly interpreted the publication of these findings as an attack on the army high command and decided to give battle by asserting that the Comptroller and his staff did not entirely understand what they had found. This is a dangerous and disingenuous tactic. It also goes beyond the Chief of Staff's proper role.

The inspection of army installations is carried out by State Comptroller staff members who are former army officers. They were fully cognizant of all the intricacies and implications of what they found. It is also a long established fact that if, in the past, the Comptroller has been guilty of any vice it is that of pulling his punches rather than over-stating his criticism.

The Comptroller's very serious findings must be accepted as fact, and his decision to publish them in all their starkness should be attributed to the delectable influence of what had been found by the Agranat Commission on which he served, and by an understandable sense of remorse at not unearthing similar failings prior to the Yom Kippur War.

Rav Aluf Gur was in Washington as Military Attache when the war broke out and is perhaps not sufficiently aware of the traumatic implication that the term "deficiencies in emergency ordnance depots" has for the general public and for the hundreds of thousands of reservists who rushed to the front lines three and a half years ago.

The pertinent question for the public is not whether there are acceptable explanations for the deficiencies stemming from the rapid growth and modernization of the army, but what is being done to correct these defects, uproot their causes and replace the men responsible for them.

As a people we have become dangerously nonchalant and fatalistic concerning the many defects which bedevil our public administration and other aspects of our society. The import of the Agranat Report was that it showed that this trait had also made inroads into the army despite blind public confidence that this was not so.

This confidence which was dangerously shaken in the aftermath of the war seems to have been partially restored due to the impressive quantitative rebuilding of the army. The fact that our army is largely a reserve army, however, has also meant that many reservists are personally aware of the failings which the Comptroller has now reported.

The impact of the report on the public's confidence in the army will depend to no little degree on the direction of the army high command's reaction. By continuing to criticize the Comptroller, the army will only undermine its confidence and create the suspicion that little has changed since 1973.

That such a monstrous suspicion is not necessarily true is less important than the uneasy feeling generated among the public by the Chief of Staff's campaign with its implications of a cover-up and a rejection of the principle of civilian oversight of the army as carried out by the most responsible and objective agency of our civilian establishment.

The Comptroller's findings should be taken for what they are intended to be — information from outside the sometimes clogged formal chain of command on the real condition of the army, and a call for urgent remedial action.

## May Day rip off

AN ELECTION season is perhaps not the best time to consider the annual problem of May Day. But the hypocrisy of a situation in which fewer and fewer people have any emotional feeling for what was once a celebration of The Labouring Man and more and more people simply grab the opportunity of wangling another day away from the job should not escape our attention.

Moreover, the ambiguity which marks the day only makes things worse. If the Government believes that May Day is a holiday for the majority of the populace, it should be declared an official holiday and day of rest. If it does not, it should be treated as a regular working day.

Such clarity, as politically difficult as it may seem, is certainly to be preferred to a situation in which the Ministry of Education knowingly misleads thousands of parents with announcements that the schools will be functioning fully though most teachers will be absent.

WHY "WASTE" one's vote on Shulamit Aloni and her Citizens' Rights Movement in an election in which the crucial confrontation would seem to be between the "big three" of the "big two-and-a-half" and in which it is getting more and more difficult to distinguish between the score of smaller lists and would be listlets?

We put the question as bluntly as that to Ms. Aloni, M.K., in an interview in an outdoor cafe in Jerusalem last week. Shulamit Aloni's reply was unabashed:

"It's because you need me in the Knesset as a spokesman for all the right causes, one who is guaranteed not to sell out and turn into a rubber stamp for the compromises of coalition politics. It's because we have proven that we can be an important catalyst in getting the Knesset to move on such issues or in torpedoing calamitous legislation."

Elaborating on this theme, Ms. Aloni demurely shifted from the "me" to the "us" of the CRM, which she heads. There is none of the false modesty bit about Shulamit Aloni. "I'm a very good lawyer although I haven't made any money from it since two years after becoming one. And I've been a very good Knesset Member."

Which is the crux of her argument in reply to the "wasted vote" thesis. The elections, she says, are for the Knesset and not for which coalition will rule Israel after May. The criterion which should guide voters, she adds, is the performance of the parties and their MKs in the Knesset.

If one buys this thesis and the criteria that go with it, there can be little doubt that Shulamit Aloni measures up as one of the best Members of Knesset ever. She is idealistic (her friendly critics would say, naively so) and extremely knowledgeable about all the liberal causes which are important to Israel.

Is she influenced by Western political thought and practice? She knows the ins and outs of our local version of Byzantine politics. She is self-confident enough (politically foolhardy, the friendly critics would add, again) to speak up, vociferously, in support of the causes in which she believes, usually disregarding political consequences.

These causes include a Western concept of civil and individual rights that did little to endear her to the Labour Party, which she quit in 1973, or to the religious establishment,

which is her particular bete noire. She is anathema to the NRP because of her fight for women's rights and her espousal of civil marriage and the breaking of Orthodox's stranglehold on personal law. (Number four on the CRM's list is Rabbi Skirball, one of the few Reform Rabbis in Israel.)

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It is this inexorable opposition which created the CRM. In September of 1973, just before the Yom Kippur War, on the day before the parties' lists were to be submitted to the Central Elections Committee, Aloni discovered that, despite Sapir's support, she had again been relegated to the unrealistic part of the Alignment's list. In the remaining day or so, she managed to recruit a list, sign up 750 supporters, plunk down the necessary deposit and start life as an independent party.

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Why has Israel justice seemingly gone berserk in this situation? Why was it necessary to so humiliate this couple, both of whom have worked so selflessly, so tirelessly, and so effectively for their country?

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